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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: CHILEAN LEADERSHIP TO DEPARTING AMBASSADOR:
RELATIONSHIP ON RIGHT TRACK, WITH FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

Classified By: Ambassador Craig A. Kelly Reasons: 1.4 (b and d)

Summary

1. (C) President Bachelet, FM Foxley and Interior Minister Velasco, in farewell meetings with the Ambassador, expressed enthusiasm about our relationship.
End Summary.

Bachelet Upbeat on U.S.-Chile Ties

2. (C) On July 18, the Ambassador attended President Bachelet's dinner in honor of Canadian PM Harper at La Moneda. Afterwards, he spoke with
3. (C) Harper, alluding to his speech earlier in the day about a "Canadian way" in relations with Latin America, said that he was trying to
4. (SBU) The next day, the Ambassador paid a departure courtesy call on Bachelet, who was joined by FM Foxley and foreign policy advisor Marcc
5. (C) Bachelet said that Chile is becoming less shy about talking about how its economic path has worked, and reviewed actions the GOC is tak
6. (C) Bachelet, referring to Harper's speech the previous day, echoed Harper's staff in saying that the Canadian press had exaggerated the "
7. (C) Turning to the issue of U.S. ratification of the FTAs with Panama, Colombia and Peru, Bachelet recalled her phone call and letter to Sp
8. (C) Finally, Bachelet expressed concern about the membership moratorium in APEC, citing that by including more Pacific Rim Latin countries,

Interior Minister Velasco

9. (C) In a July 19 departure call, the Ambassador thanked Velasco for the excellent cooperation in law enforcement, including efforts against
10. (SBU) Velasco welcomed the U.S. emphasis on science and technology cooperation. "We need this badly," he said. But with characteristic

FM Foxley

11. (SBU) In a July 20 private meeting before a going-away lunch, Foxley echoed Bachelet's satisfaction with the bilateral relationship, and s
12. (C) The Ambassador commented that each time he saw President Bachelet, he found her a bit more enthusiastic about the "Pacific Arc"/free
13. (U) Subsequently, Foxley hosted a farewell lunch with about 50 guests, including press, and in his toast referred enthusiastically to the
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